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Small Travel Backpack

Featuring: Farpoint 40

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This summer, Osprey introduced the Osprey Farpoint 40, an excellent small travel backpack. They were kind enough to send me one to try out and I wish we'd had this backpack on for the long-term travel we did around Argentina a few years ago. It's comfortable, compact, attractive, and has lots of pockets. Plus, the Farpoint 40 is the ideal backpack for packing light. Here's why I love it.

It's Compact & Lightweight. The recommended load weight is 30-40 lbs and it measures 21 x 13 x 9". Plus, it's lightweight, weighing in at just 2 lb 14 oz. It saves money (no checked baggage fees) and it's better for the environment (lighter weight luggage means less it takes less fuel to carry it). The Osprey Farpoint 40 is the perfect small travel backpack for packing light. In fact, it would be great for packing for a round-the-world trip.

It Has Great Pockets. An essential quality of a good backpack is pockets, and lots of them. Staying organized is essential for stress-free travel, and having designated pockets for your gear makes it easy to be organized. The Osprey Farpoint 40 has eight strategically placed pockets (nine if you count the shoulder/hip strap storage pockets), including two external water bottle pockets.

It's Super Comfortable. I'm very picky about padding on backpack straps. Some packs are great in every other way, but skimp on the strap padding, which makes for an uncomfortable pack. Fortunately, Osprey prioritized adequate padding with the Farpoint 40. The shoulder and hip straps are nice and cushy, as is the part of the pack that rests against your back. Even the side and top handles are padded for those times when you're carrying the pack in your hands instead of on your back.

It's a Front-Loading Pack. I've traveled extensively with top-loading packs and while they're great from cramming in a bunch of gear, it's a hassle to have to dump them out every time you want to get to something in the middle or the bottom. That's why I prefer front-loading backpacks like the Osprey Farpoint 40, especially for extended travel. You simply unzip the main pocket, take out what you need, and zip up the backpack. No need to re-pack every time you want a change of clothes.

It's Attractive. Attractiveness isn't the most important feature of a backpack, but if you're going to be looking at your pack every day of your travels, it might as well be attractive. The Farpoint 40 fits the bill. It comes in three colors: Charcoal, Mud Red, and Lagoon Blue.

The Bottom Line. The Osprey Farpoint 40 is a fantastic small travel backpack. It's incredibly comfortable, lightweight, and attractive, and it has great pockets. I would highly recommend this backpack for both long-term travel (including round-the-world trips) and shorter, more casual trips. It's great for the casual camper and the harder core backpacker.

